GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1542
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DHAKA-KOLKATA BUS SERVICE
BHAVNA DEVRAJ CHIKHALIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bus service has been running from Dhaka to Kolkata;

(b) if so, the progress report of this service;

(c) whether this service is proposed to be extended up to Ajmer;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any draft Motor Vehicles Agreement has been handed over to Bangladesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The bus service between Kolkata and Dhaka, which was inaugurated in June 1999, continues to be in operation twice daily from either side except on Sundays.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. The draft Agreement proposes the facilitation of movement of passengers and goods between the two countries.